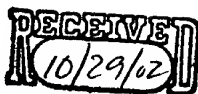


#3/B

Official

Express Mail Label No.: EL310241415US
Date of Deposit: January 12, 2000

ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NO.: C0441/7154

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Lundy Lewis, et al.
Serial No.: not yet assigned
Filed: herewith
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR INTEGRATED NETWORK
MANAGEMENT AND SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT
Examiner: not yet assigned
Art Unit: not yet assigned

Box New Application
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicants request that the following amendments be made to the above application prior
to Examination on the merits:

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-30.

Please add the following new claims 31-40:

BT 25/6
-31. A method for managing a communications network, the communications network
including a first management system and a second management system, the method comprising
the steps of:

- (a) maintaining a first set of management information by the first management
system;
- (b) maintaining a second set of management information by the second management
system;
- (c) forwarding the first set of management information to the second management
system; and

429024.1



**FOLEY
HOAG** LLP
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Fax

Date: October 29, 2002

To: Lavina Johnson

Fax #: 703-746-7239

Confirm#:

Client Matter#: 24137-502

From: Kevin A. Oliver

Sender's Number: 1241

User #: 6674

Total Pages Sent (Including Cover Sheet): 4

Office: Boston

Message

Re: U.S. Application No. 09/481,643

Filed: January 12, 2000

Title: Method and Apparatus for Integrated Network Management and Systems

Our Reference: APY-005.02 (24137-005.02)

Dear Ms. Johnson:

In response to your request of Friday, October 25, 2002, I enclose a copy of the Preliminary Amendment which was submitted in connection with the above-referenced application. The Preliminary Amendment adds claims 31-40.

Best Regards,

Kevin A. Oliver

KAO:tab
Enclosure

IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ

THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FACSIMILE MESSAGE IS INTENDED ONLY FOR THE PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL USE OF THE DESIGNATED RECIPIENTS NAMED ABOVE. THIS MESSAGE MAY BE AN ATTORNEY-CLIENT COMMUNICATION AND AS SUCH IS PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL. IF THE READER OF THIS MESSAGE IS NOT THE INTENDED RECIPIENT OR AN AGENT RESPONSIBLE FOR DELIVERING IT TO THE INTENDED RECIPIENT, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED THIS DOCUMENT IN ERROR, AND THAT ANY REVIEW, DISSEMINATION, DISTRIBUTION OR COPYING OF THIS MESSAGE IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED. IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED THIS COMMUNICATION IN ERROR, PLEASE NOTIFY US IMMEDIATELY BY TELEPHONE AND RETURN THE ORIGINAL MESSAGE TO US BY MAIL. THANK YOU.

IF THERE ARE ANY PROBLEMS WITH THIS TRANSMISSION PLEASE TELEPHONE THE SENDER.

BOSTON / 155 Seaport Boulevard / Boston, Massachusetts 02210-2600 / TEL: 617.832.1000 / FAX: 617.832.7000
WASHINGTON, DC / 1747 Pennsylvania Ave., NW / Suite 1200 / Washington, DC 20006-4604 / TEL: 202.223.1200 / FAX: 202.785.6687
Foley Hoag LLP www.foleyhoag.com

Received from <617 832 7000> at 10/29/02 11:08:15 AM [Eastern Standard Time]